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General Comment

My comments are as a professor studying the origins of EPA Priority Pollutants in the highly contaminated Anacostia River. EPA's Priority Pollutants are known persistent toxic chemicals that bioaccumulate in fish, birds etc e.g. Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Pesticides like DDT and Chlordane and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons. These EPA Chesapeake Bay Pollutants are NOT being addressed in the Draft TMDL. The Draft TMDL misleadingly calls nitrates and phosphates Pollutants when their historic designation is Nutrients. Sediment is also misleadingly called a Pollutant. The reasons for this deceptive and incorrect naming appears to be mostly political. The result is to bypass and not deal with EPA toxic pollutant problems in the Chesapeake Bay. EPA toxics will persist in the Bay and the Draft does not pass the scientific smell test.